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matter is to say we're going to pay now and cut off the state's ongoing liability, or we're going to refuse to pay now and let the interest mount at the rate of 77 to 80 dollars a day. So I'm in support of this part of the committee amendment.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. There are no further lights on the...this portion of the committee amendment. Senator Abboud, you are recognized to close.

SENATOR ABOUD: Thank you, Mr. President. We have copies of the court decision. I'll hand those out to the members. It...I think all the discussion has been good. I think Senator Wesely is right. We should look into why this occurred. I think Senator Chambers has some excellent points as far as whether or not the litigation should have gone the way it did. But the facts still remain that we do have a decision here by the Supreme Court and we have an obligation under our Tort Claims Act to pay for the damages that the court says were incurred as a result of the actions of the state. So I would urge the membership to adopt this portion of the committee amendment.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Abboud. You've heard the closing on the second divided portion of the committee amendment. The question before the body is the adoption of that portion. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. We're voting on the adoption of the second divided portion of the committee amendment. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the second portion of the committee amendment.

SENATOR WILL: That portion of the committee is adopted. We now go to the bill itself and the motion to advance. Does anyone wish to discuss the advancement of LB 1362? Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Thank you, Mr. President. I'll just take a short time here. The docket sheet pretty much establishes the different claims that have been made against the state of Nebraska. The claims were reviewed by the committee. We heard testimony from Karen Kilgarin who explained why the Claims Board chose to make these awards; from Lincoln Lancaster County Health, Incorporated, Harvey Varonhorst; the list moves on. We